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Hi all...

I need to submit my final itemized list to Political Solutions for our recommendations for the tour bus/tour guide regulation legislation ASAP.

Please send me your thoughts. Im sure we will have duplicates but I will deal with this and itemize them. I've already sent them some issues but don't want to miss your thoughts.

Thank you. Sorry for the short notice but they emailed me yesterday.

To bring a few of you up to date, some of the Chamber board members had a discussion with some of us who represent NCs on this and other topics affecting Hollywood.

Some of you have been working with me and our HHWNC ad hoc under Dietrich on the communities concerns and suggestions re the tour bus dilemma.

This problem primarily belongs at the state level, so we now have four bills in preparation to set guidelines and standards for tour guides and driver guides (such as certification), operators responsibility, vehicle regulation including weight, insurance, inspections, etc.

AND ENFORCEMENT!!!

So now we need to act quickly to get our recommendations incorporated into these bills.

SOME PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED:

- 1) drivers disregard laws of the road including blocking traffic, illegal parking and/or stopping, double parking, waiving traffic around, stopping in the middle of the road, weight limits on vehicles IGNORED for small streets
- 2) untrained driver guides who lie to tourists - act aggressively to residents
- 3) loud speakers instead of headphones (note: some are using headphones) -NOTE: CD4 David Ryu has a motion before City Council in this.

- 4) private property invasion by tourists exiting vehicles, seeking photos, looking in Windows OF PRIVATE HOMES
- 5) trash deposits & dumping on streets and Mulholland Drive mountain view turn out sites.
- 6) No control over tourists behavior at view sites creating danger to life. More specifically the Hollywood Bowl overlook- tourists are not protected. Families with children Standing in the road thinking its a park instead of a mountain Highway - at a dangerous curve. Accidents have occurred.
- 7) tourists and drivers smoking in the fire danger areas and view sites. Day and night.
- 8) tourists allowed to climb hilltop at view sites to see Hollywood Sign.
- 9) bus drivers using vulgarity toward residents and other drivers
- 10) Unregistered, unlicensed, Un-inspected vehicles.
- 11) operators/owners should be held liable and responsible for violations in addition to driver/guides
- 12) driver guides fighting aggressively on Hollywood Blvd to get tourists

I realize that some of these are complaints that cannot be regulated, but could perhaps become violations.

Thank you all, very much.

Anastasia

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On Mar 1, 2016, at 6:01 PM, Fabio Conti <fabio@fabiolus.com<<mailto:fabio@fabiolus.com>>> wrote:

It is great to interact with all of you... very fruitful, thank you

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On Mar 1, 2016, at 3:53 PM, Gubler, Leron <Leron@hollywoodchamber.net<mailto:Leron@hollywoodchamber.net>> wrote:

Greetings all. I am forwarding to you copies of the State legislation that Anastasia Mann brought up yesterday related to the regulation of tour buses.

We would also like to thank you all for taking time from your busy schedules to meet yesterday and get acquainted. I believe everyone found it to be useful and worthwhile. We will be back in touch on identifying a date for our next meeting.

Best regards,

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Here's Barb's email – these takeaways are what we're currently trying to figure out.

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Hi CalTravel members,

Wanted to give you an update on Teresa's and my meeting yesterday in Sacramento with representatives from Senator Hill's office, Assemblyman Ting and Assemblyman Chiu along with representatives from the CA Bus Association, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and the Livery Association on pending tour bus legislation (see string below).

Based on the discussion, there are a few areas where input from CalTravel members would be especially valuable:

--definition of a tour bus (common carrier vs. private carrier, number of passengers, weight, etc)

--how to structure inspection fees (what frequency, sliding scale based on size, target based on past performance, etc.)

--enforcement by local government or CHP

(Another key topic was the lack of communication between CPUC and DMV, and need for the databases to be integrated, although I think other parties will take the lead on that.)

If you would like to be part of our ad hoc group to make recommendations to the legislators working on these bills, please let me know by February 26.

Thank you!

Barb

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Hi everyone,

As you know, tour bus legislation is shaping up to be a hot topic in Sacramento, and we at CalTravel would love to get your input on the bills to help inform our positions. We are creating an ad hoc group to work on tour bus legislation; please let me know if you would like to be part of that group.

Attached is a summary sheet on active bills that our lobbying firm Political Solutions has put together for us, as well as fact sheets on bills already in print. Please review, and share any concerns or questions with this group prior to February 16, when Political Solutions and I are having a meeting in Sacramento. After the meeting, we will bring everyone who is interested together for a call to discuss what we have learned and how best to move forward.

Thank you!

Best,

Barb

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